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Photos of Sarah's Chateau of Beauty, Isabella St.

OPINION!

From the Editor



Hey Everyone,

I'm excited to be the new editor of Crosssties. I'm trying to keep the paper fresh this time around. I want to focus on our community and hopefully prove that there really is something to do in Waycross. When I started looking for things to do, I found plenty. So support your community and get out and enjoy our little city.

Another perk to this job is that I get to be nosy and no one seems to mind. Now I just need to brush up on my photography skills.

I'd like to invite everyone to come write the paper with us. If you'd like to join Crosssties come to our meeting or email me at arnoldoce@yahoo.com. Thanks, Cristina



The Sound of Music

By TJ Tippins

Love listening to live performances by talented musicians? Don't know where to go? Grab your pencil and paper because I have just the places. Mr. Daniel Byrd (WCHS band director) sent me a list of the events that will be taking place in the next few months, so mark your calendar.

Epworth All District band will be performing on February 2, 2008. You will be hearing two talented bands made up of musicians from local high school bands. The director will be Dr. John Culvahouse from Kennesaw State and director of bands at UGA for 15 years. The concert will be at 2 p.m. at Epworth Methodist Sanctuary on St. Simons Island. Admission is free!

Ware County High School will be hosting a festival on March 4 and 5, 2008. Twenty-five local high school bands will be performing while being evaluated. This is an all day event, so come out and support your county.

Some the Upcoming Movie Releases I Think Won't Be Lame

List By Joel Deal, Synopses from Yahoo.com

Jumper:

A genetic anomaly allows a young man to teleport himself anywhere. He discovers this gift has existed for centuries and finds himself in a war that has been raging for thousands of years between "Jumpers" and those who have sworn to kill them.

Release Date: February 14th, 2008

Be Kind Rewind:

Jerry, a junkyard worker, attempts to sabotage a power plant that he believes is melting his brain. But when his plan goes awry, the magnetic field that he creates accidentally erases all of the videotapes in a local video store where his best friend Mike works. Fearing that the mishap will cost Mike his job, the two friends team up to keep the store's only loyal customer - a little old lady with a tenuous grasp on reality - from realizing what has happened by recreating and re-filming every movie that she decides to rent. From "Back to the Future," to "Robocop," to "Rush Hour," to "The Lion King," Jerry and Mike become the biggest stars in their neighborhood by starring in the biggest movies ever made.

Release Date: February 22nd, 2008

Semi- Pro:

Jackie Moon is one-hit wonder who used the profits from the success of his chart-topping song "Love Me Sexy" to achieve his dream of owning a basketball team. But Moon's franchise, the Flint Michigan Tropics, is the worst team in the league and in danger of folding when the ABA announces its plans to merge with the NBA. If they want to survive, Jackie and the Tropics must now do the seemingly impossible — win.

Release Date: February 29th, 2008.



NEWS!

Check It Out! Library News

by Janice Williams, Reference Librarian

Library Staff

This semester we welcome Tammy Joyner to the Waycross College library staff. She is our new energetic Part-Time Reference Specialist. She will be here to assist you from 4:15PM to 8:30PM, Monday through Thursday and some Sundays from 2:00PM to 6:00PM. Tammy is a Health Science graduate of Waycross College, South Georgia College and Columbus State University.

Galileo Scholar Interface

Do you want to read the latest news? Well, explore the new Galileo Scholar. You can link to *The Atlanta Journal Constitution*, *Christian Science Monitor*, *New York Times*, and *Google News* from Galileo's new homepage. Just select **Browse by Type** and look for the link to Newspapers.

New Books and Periodicals

Look out for these new and interesting books on the New bookshelf:

Backyard Blacksmith by Lorelei Sims

Career Wisdom for College Students by Peter Vogt

Identical Strangers by Elyse Schein and Paula Bernstein

Interred with Their Bones by Jennifer Lee Carrel

Killer Weekend by Ridley Pearson

The Nine: Inside the Secret World of the Supreme Court by Jeffrey Toobin

Pillars of the Earth by Ken Follett

The Spectrum by Dean Ornish

The Tipping Point by Malcolm Gladwell

World With-out End by Ken Follett

There are also three new periodicals in the library that you may find interesting:

The New York Review of Books - book reviews, essays, literary criticism

The Week - U.S. and world news

Vegetarian Times - food and lifestyle information

National Library Week

This year National Library Week will be celebrated from April 13 to April 19, 2008 with the theme: Join the Circle of Knowledge @ Your Library. The library will be hosting a variety of activities during the week including a **Poetry Contest**. All students attending classes at Waycross College are invited to participate. The theme of the poetry contest is *Knowledge*. We'll meet in the Pit on Thursday, April 17 between 12:15PM and 1:15PM for a poetry reading by the finalists in the competition. Prizes will be awarded to the finalists.



Poetry Contest Guidelines

Submission period: From today until Tuesday, April 1, 2008

What to Submit: Original, unpublished poem(s) on the theme of knowledge, 4-12 stanzas, two (2) pages maximum. Each contestant can submit up to two poems.

How to Submit: Type your poem, include your name and contact information and submit to Mrs. Patricia Hope, Circulation Supervisor in the library.

Library FAQs

Q. How do I get a library card?

A. Get a college picture ID from Student Services and present it to the library staff person at the Circulation Desk. Your institution number will be entered in the library computer system so that your ID becomes your library card.

Q. Where in the library can I find periodicals for Dr. Lanier's class?

A. The current issues of popular magazines, *The New Yorker* for example, are in the leisure reading area at the entrance of the library. The current peer reviewed journals, such as **College Literature**, are arranged in alphabetical order on the shelves at the back of the library. Ask the library staff to help you if you need to access the older issues of a periodical.

The MLK, Jr. Parade Was a Blast!!!



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade

By Cristina Relyea

"Hatred paralyzes life; love releases it. Hatred confuses life; love harmonizes it. Hatred darkens life; love illuminates it." –Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr

Lots of people from Waycross turned out to celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Monday, January 21st. The parade was a success. Dr. King would be proud of how far America has come but would agree that there is more work to do in the fight against racism of all kinds here in America and all over the world.

For Your Information:

According to the Nobel Prize website, Dr. King was born on January 15, 1929, in Atlanta, GA, as Michael King, Jr. His father later changed his name to Martin Luther King in honor of the German monk Martin Luther, who founded the Lutheran Church. Dr. King left high school at 15 and attended college. He graduated with a Doctorate degree from Boston University. He met and married Coretta Scott in Boston and had two sons and two daughters.

Dr. King believed in civil disobedience, a method used by Mahatma Gandhi. According to Wikipedia, civil disobedience is the active refusal to obey certain laws, demands, and commands of a government, or of an occupying power, without resorting to physical violence. He led a bus boycott in protest of segregation on buses. His activism paid off when the Supreme Court ruled segregation on buses unconstitutional in 1956. He led a courageous life despite being attacked and arrested several times.

According to the Nobel Prize website, between 1957 and 1968 he traveled over 6 million miles and spoke over 2500 hundred times. At the age of 35 he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. He turned over the prize money of \$54,123 to further the fight against discrimination. Dr. King was assassinated on April 4th 1968.

He is gone but not forgotten. He is an inspiration to us all to face our fears and speak out against injustice. He once said, "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy." May we all learn to face the world and demand peace and equality.

Celebrate Black History Month

Black History Quiz Bowl

The Doctor Mamie Kennedy Black History Quiz Bowl will be held here at Waycross College on February 16th at 10 a.m. The competition will be held in the community room of Dye Commons. The quiz bowl is named after a former professor who organized the competition for several years. Marian Gaines-Solomon, one of the city commissioners, is hosting the event. Trophies will be given to the winners. Anyone is welcome to assemble a team and compete. For more info contact Marian at mariansolomon@bellsouth.net.

Portraits of Courage: African Americans You Wish You Had Known

Portraits of Courage is two person play that profiles important African-Americans throughout history. Organized by Angela Holland, the event will be performed in Room 126C on February 19th at 12:15



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[Martin Luther King Jr.](#), Strength to Love, 1963

US black civil rights leader & clergyman (1929 - 1968)

Go See The Weirdest Honeymoon Ever!!!



Drama, Drama, Drama!!!

By Cristina Relyea

For the first time in 6 years, Waycross College Drama Club is putting on a play. The play, "The Weirdest Honeymoon Ever" written by D.M. Bocaz-Larson, is a comedy about two newlyweds. The wife arranges the honeymoon, much to the husband's dismay, in a rustic location. To put it mildly, things do not go the husband's way. When the newlyweds arrive at their cabin, they find that the bed leans to one side, there is no bathroom, no furniture, and it's very cold. As the honeymoon continues, it gets even stranger.

The play will be held on February 15th at 7 p.m. and 16th at 2 p.m. in the Auditorium. Admission is free, and patrons can donate to the Mary Street Mission. The Drama Club meets on Wednesdays from 3-5 pm and on Friday and Saturday 5-7 pm. The President of the Drama Club is Papani Saini. The characters of the play are played by Amanda Eves, Director Brian Evans, Set Designer Ashley Barnett, Anthony O' Steen, Cassie Hendrix, and Natasha Paschall. The advisor of the club is Jenny Sweat.

For more information, contact Jenny Sweat at jsweat@waycross.edu.



ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT!



MOVIE QUIZ FUN TIME!!

by Brian Sweat

You better ask somebody! No, really, these questions are tough. The theme of this quiz is Monster Movie Madness, in a loving tribute to *Cloverfield*.

1. In the first *King Kong*, who played the damsel in distress?
2. What American actor was inserted into the original *Godzilla* for the American release of the film?
3. Where does Kong live?
4. What city does Gorgo attack?
5. What is Godzilla's son's name?
6. Who or what is Jet Jaguar?
7. Who gets eaten by a dinosaur first in *Jurassic Park*?

The Italian Plumber from Japan

A look at the evolution of the world's favorite video game character

By Jake Barrett

In today's life, video games have become an important part of everyday activities. In fact, the video game market has generated a lot more income compared to movies. So it's no wonder that one of the most recognizable characters around the world is a video game character -- Mario.

Mario first came to life when Shigeru Miyamoto created the popular game "Donkey Kong" in 1981, but back then he was just called "Jumpman." Mario was then paired up with his brother, Luigi, in "Mario Bros." and from then on he has snowballed out of control. The Mario franchise is the best selling video game franchise in history, selling over 193 million units (games) around the world, according to Nintendo.com.

Over 200 games feature Mario, either as a main character or just someone in the background. When "Mario Bros." came out, it was a platformer game, but through the years, Mario and those who inhabit his universe, called the Mushroom Kingdom, have been used in different styles of games, such as sport games, racing games, fighting games, and role-playing games. Mario has also been involved in the film, comic book, and television fields as well.

The first and only film, *Super Mario Bros.*, which stars Bob Hoskins and John Leguizamo as the Mario Brothers, was a huge flop at the box office. Even Hoskins said "The worst thing I ever did? *Super Mario Brothers*. It was a nightmare. The whole experience was a nightmare." Mario also was the star of a cartoon for several years. With new games still coming out such as "Mario & Sonic at the Olympic Games," due to come out this month, we can all agree that as long as video games exist Mario, in some form or fashion, will be there in the foreground.



things to do around town:

Circus Pages

February 11th at 4:30 & 7:30 at Okefenokee Fairgrounds

Annie Get Your Gun

A play at the Waycross Area Community Theatre Feb 28-Mar 1 at 8 p.m.

Mar 2 at 2:30, and Mar 6-8 at 8 p.m.

Miss Spirit of Pierce Beauty Pageant

Saturday Mar 1 at 1 & 3 p.m. at the Pierce County High School Auditorium

Waycross Idol

Saturday Mar 29, 2008 at the Waycross Middle School Auditorium

2 p.m. for ages 8-17 and 5 p.m. for ages 18-up. Cash prizes will be given to 2 winners and runners-up. Applications available at swampfest.us, or call Cheri Morgan at 912-338-8933.

Sports & Stuff

The Ware County Drill Team

By Yu Ouyang

It is a little known fact, but Ware County does have a state champion team right here in Waycross. The Ware County High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) Drill Team has been a state championship team for the past seven years and is a strong contender for the state title every year.

The drill team competition is about precision marching, where members of each drill team execute sharp, precise movements simultaneously. It is sharp, breathtaking, and simply amazing to watch.

Under the watchful eyes of Sergeant First Class (SFC) Eugene Ramos and Sergeant First Class (SFC) Rena Riviere (pictured below in front of the shoulder insignia of Ware County High School), members of this year's Ware County Drill Team have been hard at practice and have already completed two drill meets, one at Winter Springs High School near Orlando, Florida, where they competed against drill teams from Florida, some of which being national-caliber drill teams, and one practice meet at Benedictine Military School, located in Savannah, Georgia.

Starting with December and ending in May, the Ware County High School Drill Team will travel throughout Georgia and Florida and will compete in a series of competition that range from practice meets to, finally, the All Services National Championship Drill Meet in Daytona Beach, Florida.

There are no charges for the public to come and watch the meets. Parents and anyone else who is interested are welcomed to come and support each team.



Dates:

All start at 9 a.m.

Feb. 16:

Richmond Hill High School, Richmond Hill, GA

Feb. 23:

Windsor Forest High School, Savannah, GA

Mar. 1:

Region Drill Meet

Bradwell Institute, Hinesville, GA

Mar. 22:

State Championship

Fort Gordon, Augusta, GA

Mar. 29:

Eastern Region Championship

Macon Coliseum, Macon, GA

May 2:

National Championship

Ocean Center Arena, Daytona Beach, FL

HEY YOU THERE!!

WANNA WORK ON CROSSTIES? YOU DO?!

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OR AT HIS OFFICE AT 149A

The Firebirds Are Coming to Town!

By Yu Ouyang

Who are the Firebirds? Well, as you may have noticed, flyers regarding the Waycross Firebirds are up around the Pit. . . we may just get our very own semi-pro football team!

Named the Firebirds in honor of the firefighters who helped us through the fire last year, the Waycross Firebirds will bring an extra level of excitement and pride to our community.

Coach James Cox, the head coach of the Waycross Firebirds, has agreed to be interviewed by Crossties to provide us with information about the new football team.

First and foremost, semi-pro football players and coaches are not paid. They play for the love of the game and for each other. Because there is no money involved in semi-pro football, Coach Cox mentioned that the team will conduct fundraising activities to raise any necessary funds needed. In addition, Coach Cox also stated that any volunteer helpers are greatly welcomed and appreciated. However, as of right now, the Waycross Firebirds will not be looking for any corporate sponsorship.

"There were two other semi-pro teams that were located either here or near Waycross before. Because they were not that successful, they left a bad taste in people's mouth about semi-pro football. We will get the team together, let the public see what we are about, and then, maybe, we can think about corporate sponsors," said Coach Cox.

The second and probably the most important question that Crossties has is, why semi-pro football? Why not something else? According to Coach Cox, semi-pro football not only allows former players who may have played in either high school and/or college an opportunity to continue playing, but gives them a chance to maybe continue their football career to a professional level.

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THE FOX HOLE!



FIREBIRDS...

"When I was coaching at another semi-pro team, we sent six players to professional football, five to the Arena Football League and one to NFL Europe."

In addition to giving former players a second chance to play football and possibly continuing on to professional level, Coach Cox said that one of his goals is the continued education of his players. As of right now, Waycross College and Coach Cox are working on a possible partnership that will allow qualified players to enroll at Waycross College.

"I know a lot of high school students who are great athletes but don't have the grades for Division I schools and, because of that, will probably not go to college. With this team, they could play football and go to school here and possibly earn the grade here so they can possibly transfer to a Division I school."

With this in mind, we at Crossies have nothing but best wishes to Coach Cox and his notable causes. We wish that the Waycross Firebirds will become a great success and that Coach Cox will achieve all of his goals.

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A Chat with Student Government

By Cristina Relyea

Meet the Student Government

President: John Miller

Vice President: Ben Simmers

Secretary: Stephanie Steuer

Treasurer: Jared Wozny

Parliamentarian: Alvah Davis

Representatives: Priscilla Risinger

Michelle Waldron

Advisor: Dr. Aspinwall

Did you know the Student Government Association, or SGA, provides activities and a voice for the students to the college Administration? The parliamentarian is the expert on the rules governing the group. The officers bring forth issues, which the representatives then vote on.

Recent accomplishments include moving Waystock from a weekday to the weekend, and creating a float in the Christmas parade. President John Miller hopes to organize more events for the students this year. John is proud of how far the SGA has come. He says, "This year's SGA has been able to move forward because of the accomplishments of last year's SGA, which has laid the tracks and enabled us to move forward and do more for the students."

President John Miller is planning to work with Student Services over the issue of classes being dropped for non-payment. Students are getting dropped from a class and don't know it. They show up for class only to find that they are not enrolled. John hopes to convince Student Services to call the student before dropping their classes, in order to allow the student time to remedy the situation.

Also, the suggestion to host a Spring and Fall dance was recently made. If students are interested and it looks like we'll have enough participation, John might consider arranging a nice shindig for us all. Elections and planning Waystock for 2008 are other events coming up. Also, Ben Simmers is planning a frisbee golf tournament in February. If students are interested in running for SGA, they can pick up an application from Nancy Allen in Student Services and return it by February 18th. The elections are being held on March 4th.

For more information on SGA please contact any officers. John's email address is millerej2@hotmail.com.

President John Miller



Vice President Ben Simmers



**Sign up and Run
for SGA
Elections are
March 4th!!!**